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ABINGTON COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD D. MUNCEY
CHAIRMAN

ROBERT L. TOOMEY, JR.

MICHAEL EGAN

ROCKLAND COMMISSIONERS

JUNE P. DONNELLY

WILLIAM T. LOW
SECRETARY

ROBERT CORVI, JR.

ABINGTON & ROCKLAND JOINT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Abington & Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners held a Zoom meeting on April 15, 2021 at 3:34 p.m. at the Abington & Rockland Joint Water Works Office, 366 Centre Ave, Rockland, MA. Present were the following Commissioners:

Richard D. Muncey, Chairman
William T. Low, Secretary
June P. Donnelly
Robert Corvi, Jr.
Mike Egan

Also:

Joseph LaPointe, Superintendent (via Zoom)
Kristel Cameron, Asst. Superintendent (viewed via zoom)
JoAnne Hall, Executive Administrator (viewed via zoom)

Mrs. Donnelly motioned to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

The Board recognized Brian McMillin from NewGate Housing LLC. Mr. McMillin addressed the Board regarding fees for Lydia Square. Mr. McMillin stated there was a misunderstanding on the fees for the project. He stated he thought they had a choice of fees to be paid. He requested the Board negotiate the connection fees. Mr. McMillin offered one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), rather than the one hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars (\$154,000.00) owed. Mrs. Donnelly stated the Zoning Board waived eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) of water department fees. Mrs. Donnelly motioned the fees be paid in full. Mr. Egan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

Mr. LaPointe and the Board discussed having an engineering study done on the supply and demand for water availability. Mrs. Donnelly motioned to suspend all new connections until a supply and demand study is complete. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted. Mr. LaPointe estimated the study to take three to six months. Rick Collins from the Abington Planning Board asked about projects in the pipeline. Mr. LaPointe stated this does not apply to projects already approved.

The Board reviewed the March 2021 Financial Report. Mrs. Donnelly motioned to accept the Financial Report. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

Mr. LaPointe presented his Superintendent Report. Mr. LaPointe thanked Kristel Cameron for the work she did on the Annual Statistic Report and the Consumer Confidence Report. Mrs. Donnelly stated Joe LaPointe, Kristel Cameron and Tom Royal are doing a great job. Mr. LaPointe updated the Board on the two filter vessels, PFAS letters prepared by Kristel Cameron, Zero Pond Street trying to shrink Zone A at the Hingham Street Reservoir and DEP confirming it is staying a Zone A, water main breaks and low water levels. Mr. Corvi motioned to approve the Superintendents Report and thanked Joe LaPointe, Kristel Cameron and Tom Royal. Mrs. Donnelly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Muncey asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. John Ward, Rockland asked if PFAS can be filtered out. Mr. LaPointe replied, yes and explained what has been done at the Myers Avenue Plant and what is being done at the Hingham Street Plant. Rick Collins, Abington and Nicole Corbett, Abington discussed PFAS with the Board. Mary Parsons asked if any health studies have been done. Tara McManus from Weston & Sampson Engineers stated we do not know of any health studies. Karen Bowen spoke about PFAS on Cape Cod.

Mrs. Donnelly motioned to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Corvi. seconded the motion, and it was unanimously accepted.

The Board set the next meeting date for May 11, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

William T. Low
William T. Low, Secretary

Date: May 11/2021